

Fire and Rescue Statement and Annual Report 2018-2019

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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report provides the panel with the draft Fire and Rescue Statement and Annual Report 2018-2019. The draft report is attached at Annex A.
- 1.2 The Police, Fire and Crime Panel has a statutory duty to review and provide feedback on the draft Fire and Rescue Statement and Annual Report 2018-2019.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That panel members note the draft report and either agree this version or provide comment on the content.

3. Overview

- 3.1 The Fire and Rescue National Framework sets out the priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities in connection with the discharge of their functions. Every Fire and Rescue Authority must publish an annual statement of assurance of compliance with the Framework.
- 3.2 For PCC FRAs such as Essex, this statement is subject to scrutiny by the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and is called the 'Fire and Rescue Statement'.

- 3.3 The statement outlines the way in which the authority and its fire and rescue service has had regard – in the period covered by the document – to the National Framework, the Integrated Risk Management Plan and to any strategic plan prepared by the authority for that period. The authority must also provide assurance to their community and to government on financial, governance and operational matters.
- 3.4 This document includes further information to help our communities understand the work undertaken by the fire and rescue service and its performance during 2018-2019.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 The report presented to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel today is a draft. The panel can agree this version or provide feedback. If the Panel provides feedback a further final version will be shared with the Panel before publication.